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Dear Printer Vendors,

On February 16, 2010, the Division of Consumer Affairs published a Notice in the New Jersey Register soliciting comments on possible amendments to the printing specifications for New Jersey Prescription Blanks (NJPBs). Specifically, the Notice invited comment on various security features the Division is considering to make the blanks more secure and to reduce the likelihood of prescription forgeries. As an approved printer vendor in the NJPB program, the Division appreciates your expertise and invites you to review the enclosed Notice and to submit any comments you may have on this subject by December 20, 2010. The Division may also contact you in the near future to arrange a meeting to discuss security measures for NJPBs.

I am also advising you of recent statutory amendments to the NJPB law that may have an impact upon printing specifications for certain practitioners. <u>P.L.</u> 2009, <u>c.</u> 297, which became effective on July 17, 2010, permits practitioners and health care facilities utilizing electronic health record programs to imprint the practitioner's name and license number or unique provider number on NJPBs. All other information required by the Division's regulations (<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:45A-27.1 <u>et seq.</u>) to appear on the NJPBs must continue to be preprinted on the prescription blanks.

Under the new law, practitioners may request NJPBs that are pre-printed without the practitioner's name, address and/or NPI number only if the practitioner uses an electronic health records system. As a result, the Division requests that prior to printing such blanks for a practitioner, you document that the practitioner has an electronic health records program. To that end, the Division has created a short form for you to use for this purpose, which is available on the Division's website at <a href="www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/drug/dchome.htm">www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/drug/dchome.htm</a>. When a practitioner requests NJPBs pre-printed without his or her name, address and/or NPI, please use this form to obtain from the practitioner the name and manufacturer of the electronic health records program he or she uses. Please maintain this information on file with the practitioners' records.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter, and I look forward to receiving your comments on the enclosed Notice.

Sincerely,

Lawrence DeMarzo,

Deputy Director

## New Jersey Prescription Blank Electronic Health Records Program Prescriber Confirmation

Please use this form to document the electronic health records program used by a prescriber who requests New Jersey Prescription Blanks that are pre-printed without the prescriber's name, address and/or NPI number

Prescriber Information	
Name:	
License Number:	
Address:	
Electronic Health Records Program Inform	nation
Name of Program:	
Manufacturer:	